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### **STATE GUIDANCE**

**To:** Child Nutrition Programs  
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**Subject:** Extension of Waivers Due to Emergency Conditions Caused by Hurricane Katrina  
**Policy Memo SFSP-05-08**

This memorandum announces the extension of waivers pertaining to SFSP and contained in Policy Memo SFSP-05-07, issued on September 2, 2005.

- The traditional SFSP cannot be operated after September 30, except in areas where schools are operating on a continuous school ("year-round") calendar. For year-round programs operating in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, the provisions permitting State agencies to waive site and sponsor application requirements, including area eligibility requirements, and to allow appropriate flexibility in the meal pattern, remain in effect through November 30, 2005. In addition, any programs operating in August or September in these areas may submit claims by December 31, 2005, without requesting a waiver. Year-round programs in these areas may file October claims by January 31, 2006, and November claims by February 28, 2006, without requesting a waiver.
- In emergency SFSP programs beginning operation in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina on or after October 1, 2005, the authority permitting State agencies to waive the prohibition on operating in school sites is extended through November 30, 2005. In addition, in these areas, State agencies may continue to permit appropriate flexibility in the meal pattern, as necessary, through November 30, 2005, and may file October claims by January 31, 2006, without requesting a waiver.

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